

night comparatively quiet along all the front.

TOWN OF BARAKLI CAPTURED BY BRITISH

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, November 17.—The capture by the British of the town of Barakli, on the eastern end of the Macedonian front, is announced officially.

BRITISH MAKE FURTHER GAINS ALONG ANCRE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, November 17.—Another attack along the Ancre yesterday netted further gains for the British. The War Office announced today that the British front had been extended east from Beaumont along the north bank of the Ancre.

BRITISH ATTACKS FAIL

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, November 17 (via Sayville).—British troops last evening attacked the German lines near Beaumont, north of the Ancre Brook, the War Office announced today. This attack failed as did a night attack to the west of Le Sars, in the Somme area, the official statement declares.

NEW ATTACKS ON POSITIONS IN MONASTIR SECTION

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, November 17 (via Sayville).—Intense fighting has been renewed in the Monastir section of the Macedonian front. The War Office announced today. These attacks, together with others launched between Malik and Presby Lakes, met with no success, the official statement asserts.

SUCCESSFUL AIR RAID ON OSTEND AND ZEEBRUGGE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, November 17.—A successful raid was made on Ostend and Zeebrugge this morning by British naval airplanes and seaplanes, says an Admiralty announcement. Many bombs were dropped, with good results, on docks and shipping. The announcement adds, and all the machines returned safely.

POSITION OF ROADS OUTLINED BY THOM

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and see if any of the committee has been declared unconstitutional. We have lawyers on our committee.

"The railroads always want to fight. They fight even the introduction of a small safety device. They better look out. Some of them are liable to get into jail if they resist the law. They have got the opportunity to go into the courts if they want to."

"The eight-hour law is constitutional. You say at the time the bill was passed some men in Congress said it was a matter of expediency and might be changed afterwards? Well, you must remember some men were very much opposed to the bill."

The Department of Justice announced today that the suits filed by the railroads will be taken up in order and disposed of as quickly as possible. The cases of the Santa Fe and Union Pacific are the first on the calendar. They came up in Chicago on November 23, and it seems as if that city will be the initial battle ground. One thing that lends color to this belief is that Frank Hagerman, of Kansas City, who has been retained as special counsel for the government, left for the West tonight, after a long conference with Solicitor-General Davis and Assistant Attorney-General Underwood.

ELIEN MORE SUITS FILED TO TEST ADAMSON LAW

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, November 17.—Eleven additional suits to test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law were filed today in various Federal courts throughout the country by the railroads.

This is in pursuance of the plan announced by the railway manager earlier in the week to apply for injunctions in every Federal district court in the country, with separate suits for each of the 200 railroads in each district at \$100,000. It will result in more than 2,000 such actions.

In Boston, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company filed a suit against the United States District Attorney, George W. Anderson, and the chairman of the Federal Board of Railroad Commissioners, William W. Aldrich, for December 1.

In Louisville, Ky., suit was filed by the Illinois Central Railroad, naming United States Attorney Perry B. Miller and four railroad commissioners. Hearings were set for November 27.

In Illinois, N. Y. suit was filed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. At the same time, Judge Ray, of the Federal court, granted an order directing the Federal officers of the Northern Pacific and the trainmen's officers to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining the enforcement of the Adamson law. It is returnable on December 5 at Norwich. This was in the application of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western made yesterday, and the Delaware and Hudson, made on Thursday.

NEW HAVEN BRIEF

(By Associated Press.)
The brief filed in the New Haven suit in Boston, which was given out at the offices of the railroad here yesterday, is typical of all the suits.

"The act is held to be unconstitutional on these grounds, as among others:

"It merely creates a temporary answer and experimental status for the purpose of enabling Congress and the President to observe, at the expense of this complainant and other railroad companies, the effect of the experiment, so as to decide in the future whether any such requirements are constitutional or proper or not."

"It unreasonably and arbitrarily deprives your complainant of its liberty of contract, and thereby, as well by compelling it to pay increased wages, deprives it of its liberty and property without due process of law."

"It is incapable of application to the subject matter with which it deals and is, therefore, unworkable, and while imposing heavy penalties for its violation, it imposes no rules or standards, whereby your complainant can know how to comply with it."

"It unreasonably and arbitrarily favors certain railroad employees who now receive high rates of pay and seeks

Thursday, November 30, Designated as Thanksgiving Day by President

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, November 17.—President Wilson today formally proclaimed Thursday, November 30, as Thanksgiving Day.

Here follows the President's proclamation:

"It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us and the nation."

"The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war, and of the peoples upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking of the pitiful distress."

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the 30th day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and urge and advise the people to

report to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity, which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unattained measure."

"And I also urge and suggest our duty, in this our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitifully fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings."

"Our people could in no better way show their real attitude towards the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train."

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed."

"Done at the city of Washington this 17th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, 1916, and of the Independence of the United States, the 41st."

"WOODROW WILSON,
"BY THE PRESIDENT,
"ROBERT LANSING,
"Secretary of State."

Hughes 414 Votes Ahead in Minnesota

Only Six More Counties to Report—Wilson Gains in New Mexico.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PAUL, MINN., November 17.—A mistake in the tabulation of the Minnesota votes in the presidential race today, by which President Wilson was placed within less than two votes of Mr. Hughes, was discovered this afternoon. With the correction and the two additional counties received, the lead was changed again to Mr. Hughes's favor by 414 votes.

Of the eighty-six counties in the State, seventy-nine have made their official report of the ballots cast. Those remaining to report are Lake, Ottertail, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Wabasha and Winona. The official count in the counties received is: Hughes, 125,866; Wilson, 125,452. Added to these figures the unofficial figures of the seven counties, the result is: Hughes, 129,384; Wilson, 128,970.

CALIFORNIA COUNTIES FILE OFFICIAL REPORTS

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, CAL., November 17.—Thirty-three California counties out of fifty-eight had filed the election returns today with the Secretary of State with final figures of the official vote.

Reports are at work on the returns, and have completed the count of six of the smaller counties. The work, according to law, must be finished by Monday, November 27.

WILSON LEADS BY MORE THAN 2,000 IN NEW MEXICO

(By Associated Press.)
SANTA FE, N. M., November 17.—While Charles E. Hughes was gaining fifty-one votes on official returns from 85 counties in New Mexico, President Wilson was receiving an increase of 214, bringing his lead back to a point well above his mark on Wednesday, when he lost 185 votes. He gained 185 yesterday.

Protests which had not reported previously were not reported in the returns today, fourteen still to be heard from. Hughes, 29,551; Wilson, 29,077.

LOST OFF SANTO DOMINGO

American Schooner Fred A. Davenport a Total Wreck—Three Members of Crew Missing.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, November 17.—Early today reported the American schooner Fred A. Davenport to be a total loss off the coast of Santo Domingo. No details as to the nature of the trouble with the vessel were given. The Davenport left Charleston, S. C., October 31, bound for Porto Rico.

In a wireless report to the Navy Department, Commander Pollock, of the transport Hancock, at San Domingo City, reported that three members of the Davenport's crew were missing, and probably lost. Captain Blake, of the schooner, was injured, but, with four seamen, were rescued and taken to Puerto Plata. The missing are James E. Mulberry, first mate; W. I. Hildard, cook, and W. C. Engard, seaman.

The Davenport, which was owned by William L. Blake, of Philadelphia, headed off Santo Domingo about fifteen miles southward of Cape Francis, Santo Domingo, according to Commander Pollock's radio message. He said the schooner had been sent to assist the Davenport, but had returned bearing news that the schooner was a total loss.

CLEARANCE PAPERS REFUSED

Customs Officials at Norfolk Await Steamer Caltano.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., November 17.—Pending instructions from the Treasury Department, customs officials here refused today afternoon that they would return clearance papers to the Italian steamer Caltano, which arrived in the harbor this morning from Genoa, in ballast, for Philadelphia.

The steamer has a 57-millimeter gun mounted on her poop deck. The commander claims that the gun is for defensive purposes only, and that no naval or military gunners are aboard.

DEATHS

SHAGHNESSY.—Died at his residence, 2121 Ford Avenue, Friday, November 17, at 3 P. M. PATRICK SHAGHNESSY. Funeral from Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8 P. M.

GRANDLER.—Died at Little Sisters of the Poor, November 17. GEORGE T. GRANDLER, aged eighty-one years. Funeral from Little Sisters of the Poor today 3 P. M. Interment at Hollywood.

PRESIDENT PREPARING MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Will Not Leave Washington for Further Vacation Until Document Is Completed.

OTHER PRESSING MATTERS

Appointment of Tariff Board, Shipping Commission and Body to Put New Compensation Law Into Effect Also Awaiting His Action.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, November 17.—President Wilson, immediately after the Cabinet meeting today, authorized the announcement that he will not leave Washington for a further vacation until his annual message to Congress has been completed. Other pressing matters include the appointment of the Tariff Board, Shipping Commission and a board to put into effect the new compensation law.

Individuals who have talked with the President since the election expected the message to deal exclusively with the domestic problems which confront the country. It is said that legislation to prevent the further inflation of food prices and, if possible, to lower the cost of living is certain to be urged.

The message will not comment on the European situation, unless some sharp controversy arises between this and the date Congress convenes. It will, however, carry a notification that the United States stands ready to serve in the capacity of peacemaker when the properly designated representatives of the warring factions announce a willingness to accept such services.

CONTROVERSY CLOSELY WATCHED AT WHITE HOUSE

The controversy between the railroads and the employees, which has been revived by the plan to test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law, is being watched closely from the White House. It was stated that the President will not hesitate to interfere, with consultation in view, if the strike talk continues.

Another matter which is engaging the chief executive is the necessity for gathering new Cabinet material from which selections can be made not later than March 4, and probably sooner. The report that Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, desires to quit his post amounts to a conviction in circles that are usually well informed.

Henry Morgenthau, who served as treasurer of the Democratic Campaign Committee, has been mentioned for the place, but only as a prospect. The President has taken occasion publicly to approve the manner in which the Treasury Department has been conducted during the last four years, but it is said he will not oppose a request from Secretary McAdoo that he resign.

McAdoo has told several of his most intimate friends in the administration that his income as a Cabinet officer is not sufficient to meet his financial needs. He is also said to be anxious to get into politics in a more direct way, in the event of his retirement from the Cabinet. Mr. McAdoo will move to New York with the ambition of some day running a gubernatorial nomination within his reach in that State.

M'CORMICK IN WASHINGTON

Arranges for Establishment of Permanent Headquarters for Democratic National Committee.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, November 17.—Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Homer Cummings, vice-chairman, conferred with President Wilson today and arranged to establish here permanent headquarters for the Democratic National Committee. They will discuss with local Democratic leaders plans for Mr. Wilson's inauguration.

W. R. Hollister, assistant secretary of the committee, will be in charge of the permanent headquarters here. Mr. McCormick conferred also with Representative Doremus, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, on the make-up of the next House, and later took lunch with President Wilson.

After lunch the President, Mr. McCormick and Vice-Chairman Cummings discussed the campaign. Mr. McCormick said immediately efforts would be made to raise the deficit of more than \$100,000 which the national committee owes. An assistant of the treasurer of the committee will be kept at the permanent headquarters to receive the money.

EXTRA DIVIDEND DECLARED

General Chemical Company to Make 5 Per Cent Payment and 15 Per Cent on Common Stock.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, November 17.—Directors of the General Chemical Company today declared an extra dividend of 5 per cent and a special dividend of 15 per cent on the common stock, payable February 1. The regular quarterly dividend will be 2 per cent, an increase of one-half of 1 per cent over the last quarterly disbursement.

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Still in Deadlock on Border Control

Mexican-American Joint Commission Adjourns Without Agreement.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., November 17

—The Mexican-American Joint Commission adjourned today Monday, with the conference in what is regarded as a deadlock. When the meetings are resumed next week, it is expected the representatives of the two governments will be fully informed as to the wishes of their chiefs.

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, successfully interposed today with the adoption of a plan for border control. Ignacio Bonillas and Alberto J. Pant, the other two members, were ready to agree to a plan proposed by the Americans, but the objections of their chairman were sufficient to result in further delay.

Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the American commission, expects to be in Washington before tomorrow night, and to place before President Wilson all the facts in the case.

URGING PLANS VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST BANDITS

(By Associated Press.)
CHIHUAHUA CITY, MEX., November 17.—Prior to leaving Chihuahua City to take the field against Villa, General Trevino made a statement today to the Associated Press, in which he said the time for defensive measures against the bandits had passed, and a vigorous offensive was necessary.

"The state capital of Chihuahua has been efficiently fortified," General Trevino said. "And, with the garrison I have left under the command of General Gonzales Cuellar, it is able to repulse even a strong enemy force."

"The general added: "Victory results could not be obtained by sending small detachments against the bandits, and it is for this reason that I am starting an offensive under my personal command. My division is composed of several thousand men of the three arms, cavalry, artillery and infantry, with plenty of ammunition, and I am taking the field with the firm resolution of delivering the final blow from the elements that defied divine and human laws."

FUNSTON CRITICIZED SEVERELY BY BAPTISTS

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that a Virginia Baptist hospital be established by the church "at a time and place to be hereafter selected." The resolution was adopted by a vote of 10 to 2. It was reported to the association by the committee having the matter in charge, was made an act of the association, and was adopted by a vote of 10 to 2. It was recommended that a committee of seven be named to recommend a suitable location to the next meeting of the General Association.

About \$700 was raised by a collection taken at Rev. J. W. Cammack for a meeting plant at Rock Hill, S. C. One gift of \$500 was received. The report on foreign missions was made by Rev. R. B. Garrett, of Portsmouth. It showed that during the past year the Virginia Baptists contributed to foreign missions \$127,500. This was \$30,000 more than was given by all the Baptists of the South twenty years ago. During the year there have been 5,741 converts and seventy-seven new churches in the foreign field. There are now 459 churches and 42,632 members; 462 Sunday schools, with 16,494 students; 432 mission schools, with 15,521 students. There are nineteen medical missionaries, nine hospitals and ten medical dispensaries.

Missionary addresses of great interest were made by Rev. G. W. Sudler, missionary at Kala, Africa; Rev. Dr. R. C. Chambers, missionary at Canton, China; and Rev. T. B. Ray, of Richmond, assistant secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of the South. Mr. Ray told of the needs of the board. The requests from the field amount to \$258,000 for the coming year. He said, it requires an average of \$2,500 per missionary to carry on the work. With 315 missionaries in the field, the board should have at least \$620,000 for the work.

COST-OF-LIVING PROBE

Federal Trade Commission Delays Investigation Pending Report as to Scope of Its Authority.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, November 17.—The Federal Trade Commission today deferred consideration of a cost-of-living investigation, pending a report from its counsel as to the scope of its authority. The trade commissioners realize that any such inquiry might develop into a greater task than the funds now at their disposal would warrant. Its investigators already are at work studying into the paper and coal industries, and there is much other business awaiting action.

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URGES AMERICA TO ACT IN BEHALF OF BELGIUM

Lord Robert Cecil Urges Vigorous Protest Against Deportation of Civilians by Germans.

MEANS GRINDING UP OF NATION

Only Neutrals Can Save Inhabitants From Slavery—To Be Caught Up and Crushed in Great War Machine for Mobilizing Labor.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, November 17.—In a statement made to the Associated Press today, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War, urged a vigorous protest against Germany's deportation of Belgians, and declared that the people of France and England, no less than the people of Belgium, "hope that American public opinion will show itself, not only in a few days or weeks of protests and criticisms, but in steady pressure upon the invaders of Belgium, to conduct the war against the soldiers of the allies in the trenches, and not against the helpless civilians whom they have in their power."

Lord Robert reviewed the measures taken by the entente allies to protect relief for the Belgians, and characterized as a "disgrace" Germany's attempt to justify its action by saying that England was responsible for unemployment in Belgium.

"Three times during the past year, Lord Robert continued, 'we have proposed to the Germans a definite scheme whereby the exports of Belgian manufactures and even imports of raw materials might be made free under the control of the Belgian Relief Committee, and that the commission might control all the funds so received and trade. To none of these proposals have we had a reply. The Germans have drained Belgium dry, and stripped her bare, and we all know this policy was a maximum amount of unemployment in order that when the proper moment arrived their slave raids might begin.'

"The Belgians are going to Germany on no ordinary work. They are to be caught up and crushed in the great new German machine for mobilizing labor."

"They will be scattered to all the manufacturing towns in all the remote corners of Germany, and once caught upon the machine they will never return to Belgium. It is this grinding up of a nation, piecemeal, that is the most horrible feature of the situation. Lastly, it must be remembered that the allies can and will liberate Belgian territory. Meanwhile, they can and will bear the burden of keeping the Belgians from starvation. But they cannot protect the Belgians from slavery. They cannot insure that when Belgium is liberated it will be a better place than it is now. It is only the neutrals who can do this by the exercise of their public opinion."

BELGIANS BEING DEPORTED AT RATE OF 2,000 A DAY

(By Associated Press.)

THE HAGUE, November 17 (via London).—The number of Belgians deported by the Germans up to date, according to information given the Associated Press today from a reliable source, apparently is between 30,000 and 40,000.

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